Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Women's athletics is one of the most effective avenues available through which women of America may develop self-discipline, initiative, confidence and leadership skills; and,

WHEREAS, The history of women in sports is rich and long, but there has been little state or national recognition of the significance of women's athletic achievements; and,

WHEREAS, The number of women in the leadership positions of coaches, officials and administrators has declined drastically over the last decade and there is a need to restore women to these positions to ensure a fair representation of women's abilities and to provide role models for young female athletes; and,

WHEREAS, The communication and cooperation skills learned through athletic experience play a key role in the athlete's contributions at home, at work and to society; and,

WHEREAS, Early motor-skill training and enjoyable experiences of physical activity strongly influence life-long habits of physical fitness; and,

WHEREAS, The number of funded research projects focusing on the specific needs of women athletes are limited and the information provided by these projects is imperative to the health and performance of future women athletes:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 4, 1989, as

GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirty-First Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE